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NEWSY NOTES FROM 4-H CLUBS

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And here's the new feature of our National 4-H Club program-----Newsy Notes from 4-H Clubs. News of 4-H Club work all over the country---yes---and from foreign countries, too.

And first---let's take a look at items from across the sea. A missionary recently returned from China brings reports of outstanding benefits that boys and girls in China are receiving from their organizations which are called "4-H" clubs. A short time ago a representative of the ministry of agriculture in Venezuela--visited Puerto Rico---to learn about 4-H club work there. The plan is to start 4-V clubs in Venezuela. Not 4-H---but 4-V clubs---but they'll have similar ideals, similar work---and similar requirements for membership.

In Latvia---the 4-H Club members recently held their 8th annual 4-H Club Congress. The membership of 4-H Clubs in that country during 1938 was reported as being about 40 thousand boys and girls.

In the northern countries of Europe plans are already being made for another meeting of the 4-H Federation of Northern Europe. This meeting will be held next June in Copenhagen Denmark.

Now--back to our own country.

In San Miguel county, New Mexico, boys and girls in 4-H Clubs and some of their elders made it a merry Christmas this season for hundreds of needy boys and girls. They got lists of needy children from the schools---and distributed food, clothing, shoes, and toys---so that not one family was overlooked.

Sometimes folks wonder what happens to 4-H Club members after they get too old for 4-H Club work. Well---many of them go to college. For example---a report just received from Kansas State College says that more than a fourth of the students enrolled at the college this year are former 4-H Club members. More than a thousand out of an enrollment just under four thousand. The students have their own college 4-H Club with 400 members---and it's as active as a good 4-H Club is supposed to be. They've bought a motion picture machine to be used at state 4-H Club events---provided dishes for the 4-H encampment building; they have a loan fund for 4-H members in college---and they put out a state 4-H Club yearbook---called Whoo's Whoot. And there is a name.

And from down south in Georgia comes word that 4-H Club girls at the University of Georgia are showing some of the other students how to live well at low cost. University authorities just checked up on the record books of the 43 girls who live at the 4-H Club Home, and found that the girls live comfortably for just \$10.37 a month; any parent who has put a boy or girl through college knows that usually it takes several times that much to pay for room and board. But these girls do all their own work and since they're students of home economics---and have a background of training in 4-H Club work---they know how to get the best meals for the money.

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The 4-H Home for the girls at the University of Georgia was started in the summer of 1937. Now they're beginning to think about a similar place where 4-H Club boys can live.

In West Virginia 4-H Club members and leaders are planning to honor the memory of a man who did a great deal for 4-H Club work in that state. His name was W.H. Kendrick---but everyone called him by his nickname---Teepi. Teepi Kendrick was the founder and director of the state 4-H Club camp at Jackson's Mills---which is believed to be the first 4-H Club camp of its kind in the United States. Hundreds of 4-H Club boys and girls attended the camp over the years---and they all came to know and love Teepi Kendrick. He died in May, 1937. Now---they're planning to build a lovely stone chapel at the camp to honor the memory of Teepi Kendrick.

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Here are two stories from two different states---about big 4-H Club events that were held during the Christmas Holidays. In Iowa and in Maine some of the outstanding 4-H Club members attended their annual meetings. In Maine---230 club boys and girls attended the 25th annual state contest---as it's called at the University of Maine, at Orono. It included some contests---some competition--- but it's come to be an educational meeting as well.

In Iowa---a thousand 4-H Club boys went to the Iowa State College at Ames--- for the annual 4-H Boys Short Course and Convention. They had judging contests, a corn show, and they got some instruction from the college professors---in live-stock, poultry dairy, crops, and other agricultural subjects. One of the events was a banquet honoring more than 100 boys who have reached the age of 21---and so are graduating from 4-H Club work.

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Here's an achievement record to be proud of. In Knox county, Illinois, there were 236 boys and girls enrolled in 4-H Club work last year---and 97.8 per cent of them completed their projects. That may not be a national record; there may even be some counties that have a record of 100 per cent completion for this past year. If there are---I think we ought to know about them. I still think a record of 97.8 per cent completion is mighty high.

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That's all the news for this time---but we'll have more Newsy Notes on the next National 4-H Club program---on Saturday, February 4.

Now---the National Anthem.